

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement:

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that the English translation of the European search report (filed on March 10, 2004) is insufficient to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c), requiring that Applicants submit concise statements of non-English references.

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant notes that at the bottom of the search report, filed with the IDS, there is an indication of relevance, as asserted by the foreign office Examiner conducting the search. Thus, Applicant submits that the search report, itself, provides a concise statement of relevance, and is sufficient to satisfy Applicant's duty, and represents Applicant's concise statement.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner consider these references and initial the submitted Form PTO/SB/08 A & B to indicate that the references have been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-17, 26-31, 33 and 37 have been allowed.

Claim Objections:

Applicant has amended claims 18 and 20, as shown in the previous section to address the Examiner's concerns, and hereby requests the Examiner withdraw the objection to these claims.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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Claims 32 and 36:

These claims remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lipson in view of Goodman. However, as shown in the previous section, Applicant has amended these claims, such that they are similar to claim 3, which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant submits that these claims are also allowable, at least for the same reasons as indicated by the Examiner regarding claim 3.

Thus, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of these claims.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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